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Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )

Serial No.: 09/618,566 )

Filed: July 17, 2000 )

For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING )  
SYSTEM, INSTRUMENTATION, AND )  
METHOD OF INSTALLATION )

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read  
as follows:

~~282.~~ (Twice Amended) An anterior cervical plate system for engaging at least three  
vertebral bodies of a human cervical spine along the anterior aspect of the spine,  
said device comprising:

a plate having a generally rectangular configuration with a first end, a  
second end, sides, and a length sufficient to span a disc space and overlap  
portions of at least three adjacent cervical vertebral bodies, said plate having: